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"UNCLE REMUS." In his "Myths of the Cherokees," published in the "Nineteenth Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology," Mr. James Mooney treats briefly (p. 233) of the origin of these "animal stories." Borrowing on the part of the negroes from the Indians seems likely, for "it is not commonly known that, in all the southern colonies, Indian slaves were bought and sold and kept in servitude, and worked in the fields side by side with negroes up to the time of the Revolution." The fact that the Indian has a sense of humor is not taken into account by those who assume all the borrowing has been from negro to Indian. The rabbit as a trickster is, apparently, genuine Cherokee, while the fox does not appear in their folk-lore. The land-tortoise is also prominent in Cherokee myths, and the "tar-baby" is likewise known to them. These facts reported by Mr. Mooney add to the evidence, which suggests an American Indian origin for many of the "Uncle Remus" stories.

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#### HOWARD BARRETT WILSON.

THE following brief account of the work of the author of the article, "Notes of Syrian Folk-Lore collected in Boston" published in the last number of this Journal, has been furnished by his colleague, Dr. Roland B. Dixon :—

Mr. Howard B. Wilson (H. U. '03), a member of the Huntington Expedition of the American Museum of Natural History, died suddenly of heart failure, following typhoid fever, at Willows, Cal., on August 4. Mr. Wilson had, during his college course, taken great interest in Anthropology, and took honors in that department at graduation. He had planned to spend the summer in studying the Wintun and Yana tribes of northern California, and had, in the short time he had been at work previous to his illness, already secured much material of value, in particular texts and myths. All who are interested in the prosecution of anthropological work in the Californian region, and the Pacific States in general, feel that they have lost in Mr. Wilson a student and worker deeply interested in his subject, and one who, had he lived, gave promise of more than usual ability.